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To the Dept. of Justice employees working on the Microsoft case:

The settlement in the Microsoft case is a joke. Microsoft time and again has used its position to manipulate people, manipulate companies, lie, cheat, ignore computing standards or change them so they only work with their own products, and flaunt the law. Especially when it comes to anti-trust law. They have been convicted of breaking the anti-trust laws, but now the penalty proposed for them is merely a slap on the wrist. It does not go far enough, and will not make Microsoft change its behavior or business practices.

Don't let Microsoft get away with this!

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--MS own version of TCP/IP; MS breaks navigator functionality; disables Qt functionality

<http://www.pbs.org/cringely/pulpit/pulpit20010816.html>

--MS fakes support letters in effort to lobby people

http://seattletimes.nwsources.com/html/nationworld/134332634_microlob23.html

--MS prevents free speech (criticism) with EULA

<http://www.infoworld.com/articles/op/xml/01/09/17/010917opfoster.xml?0920tham>

--How MS registered file types allow them to extend their monopoly and stifle competition

http://www.salon.com/tech/col/rose/2001/10/08/file_monopoly/index.html

--why the US surrendered to MS

<http://www.thenation.com/doc.mhtml?i=special&s=moglen20010909>

--WinXP prevents installation of 3rd party drivers, and only MS version of software will work

<http://www.theregister.co.uk/content/4/20805.html>

--Ms and "smart tags"

http://news.cnet.com/news/0-1003-200-6399150.html?tag=mn_hd

--WinXP incompatibles with other OS

<http://slashdot.org/article.pl?sid=01/05/19/2355206&mode=thread>

--MS wants only MS OS on new PCs

<http://www.aaxnet.com/news/M010425.html>

--MS Passport: all data is MS's

<http://slashdot.org/article.pl?sid=01/04/03/1535244&mode=thread>

<http://www.wired.com/news/business/0,1367,42811,00.html>

http://news.cnet.com/news/0-1005-200-5508903.html?tag=mn_hd

--MS bullies customers

<http://www.internetweek.com/newslead01/lead032901.htm>

--MS buries SQL benchmarks

<http://www.infoworld.com/articles/op/xml/01/03/05/010305opcringely.xml>

--MS non-compete clauses

<http://slashdot.org/article.pl?sid=01/01/17/2238249&mode=thread>

--IE tracking default bookmarks

<http://slashdot.org/article.pl?sid=00/09/13/0023213&mode=thread>

--MS forces users to pay twice for software

<http://news.cnet.com/news/0-1003-200-2427307.html>

--MS IE doesn't follow standards

<http://news.cnet.com/news/0-1005-200-2254214.html?tag=st.ne.1002.bgif.ni>

<http://www.webstandards.org/ie55.txt>

--MS forces will on E-bay

<http://www.kuro5hin.org/?op=displaystory&sid=2000/5/19/165146/255>

<http://slashdot.org/article.pl?sid=00/05/29/1542223&mode=thread>

--MS embrace and extend on Kerberos

http://www.linuxworld.com/linuxworld/lw-2000-04/lw-04-vcontrol_3.html

<http://slashdot.org/article.pl?sid=00/05/02/158204>

--MS tries to silence critics

<http://slashdot.org/article.pl?sid=00/05/11/0153247>

--MS patch breaks Lotus Notes

<http://news.zdnet.co.uk/story/0,,s2075190,00.html>

--Win2k has problem with standard DNS

<http://techupdate.zdnet.com/techupdate/stories/main/0,14179,1016137,00.html>

--MS monopoly essay

<http://slashdot.org/article.pl?sid=99/06/25/1810223&mode=thread>

--MS withheld Win95 Y2K patch

<http://www.cnn.com/TECH/computing/9905/03/fix.y2k.idg/>

--MS illegal practices against DR-DOS

<http://news.cnet.com/news/0,10000,0-1003-200-340587,00.html>

--Caldera sues MS for anti-competitive practices

<http://techupdate.zdnet.com/techupdate/stories/main/0,14179,1013942,00.html>

--MS rigged survey (evidence)

<http://slashdot.org/article.pl?sid=99/01/15/0948238&mode=thread>

--MS overcharged consumers--Consumer Federation of America

<http://news.cnet.com/news/0,10000,0-1003-200-337138,00.html>

--MS sued for stealing mouse design

<http://slashdot.org/article.pl?sid=98/12/16/0950252&mode=thread>

--Japan accuses MS of unfair business practices

<http://news.cnet.com/news/0,10000,0-1003-200-335638,00.html>

--MS and their competition

<http://sanjose.bcentral.com/sanjose/stories/1998/09/07/story4.html>

The Microsoft Files by Wendy Goldman Rohm

--Bristol sues MS for anti-competitive practices

<http://infoworld.com/cgi-bin/displayStory.pl?980819.wcbristol.htm>

--AT&T sues MS over NT licensing

http://www.zdnet.com/zdnn/stories/zdnn_display/0,3440,2112360,00.html

--MS bribes ISPs with free software

<http://news.cnet.com/news/0,10000,0-1003-200-328268,00.html>

--MS like monopoly

<http://abcnews.go.com/sections/tech/FredMoody/moody41.html>

--MS buy and convert

<http://www.wired.com/news/technology/0,1282,9701,00.html>

--MS steals code for DOS 6.1

Couldn't find a web page about it. But ask Microsoft if you could purchase a copy of DOS 6.1. When they say "no", ask them about the court case against them, and the settlement where they had to stop selling DOS 6.1.

